



## **BEARFACTS 1992 – 2002**

### **Lehigh , Pennsylvania [42077]**

Lehigh is one of 67 counties in Pennsylvania. It is part of the [Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, PA-NJ \(MSA\)](#). Its 2002 population of 316,549 ranked 11th in the state.

#### **PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME**

In 2002 Lehigh had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$32,391. This PCPI ranked 7th in the state and was 104 percent of the state average, \$31,080, and 105 percent of the national average, \$30,838. The 2002 PCPI reflected an increase of 2.9 percent from 2001. The 2001-2002 state change was 2.5 percent and the national change was 0.8 percent. In 1992 the PCPI of Lehigh was \$22,716 and ranked 7th in the state. The 1992-2002 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 3.6 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 3.9 percent and for the nation was 4.0 percent.

#### **TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME**

In 2002 Lehigh had a total personal income (TPI) of \$10,253,435\*. This TPI ranked 11th in the state and accounted for 2.7 percent of the state total. In 1992 the TPI of Lehigh was \$6,777,426\* and ranked 11th in the state. The 2002 TPI reflected an increase of 3.5 percent from 2001. The 2001-2002 state change was 2.7 percent and the national change was 1.8 percent. The 1992-2002 average annual growth rate of TPI was 4.2 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.1 percent and for the nation was 5.2 percent.

#### **COMPONENTS OF TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME**

Total personal income includes net earnings by place of residence; dividends, interest, and rent; and personal current transfer receipts received by the residents of Lehigh. In 2002 net earnings accounted for 66.3 percent of TPI (compared with 66.6 in 1992); dividends, interest, and rent were 17.4 percent (compared with 19.2 in 1992); and personal current transfer receipts were 16.3 percent (compared with 14.2 in 1992). From 2001 to 2002 net earnings increased 3.1 percent; dividends, interest, and rent increased 0.6 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 8.4 percent. From 1992 to 2002 net earnings increased on average 4.2 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 3.2 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 5.7 percent.

#### **EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK**

Earnings of persons employed in Lehigh increased from \$8,588,897\* in 2001 to \$8,894,059\* in 2002, an increase of 3.6 percent. The 2001-2002 state change was 3.1 percent and the national change was 2.1 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1992 estimate of \$5,625,652\* to the 2002 estimate was 4.7 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.2 percent and for the nation was 5.4 percent.

*\*Note: All income estimates with the exception of PCPI are in thousands of dollars, not adjusted for inflation.*

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